Wednesday, 25 July 2012

Ohayo gozaimasu! Eriko-no-show-e Yokoso! The show in the 11th year started! Let's see what we are expecting this weekend! Very interesting events are coming up! Oh, I'm going to announce the popular summer event in Sasebo, "Seaside Festival" next week. Please look forward to it.

Interesting events:

Summer Vacation Kids Zen Overnight Training

Sign him/her/them up to the following temple summer camp if they don't listen to you. The Zen training is known very rigorous. They will listen to you after the training. I'm just kidding. It should not be that bad.

Seiganji Temple Zen Camp

Thursday, 26 and Friday, 27 July

Seiganji Temple close from MR Kaize Train Station

Fee: Y3,500

This program is for elementary school students in 1st grade to 7th grade. The max number of trainees is 80. Please call the temple at 0956-49-2800 to sign up your child(ren).

Sairenji Temple Zen Camp

Friday, 17 and Saturday, 18 August Sairenji Temple in Setogoshi-cho

Fee: Y3,500

This program is for elementary school students and middle school students. The max number of trainees is 80. Please call the temple at 0956-49-4336 to sign up your child(ren).

Prison-made Furniture and Shoes Sale

Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 July

1000

Hirado Culture Center close from the Hirado Castle

The wooden furniture and shoes produced in prisons all through Japan are exhibited and they are for sale. Please call the Sasebo Prison at 0956-38-4270 for more information.

Local Youth Center Summer Festivals

Ainoura Youth Center

Saturday, 28 July

1330

Ainoura Youth Center in Ainoura-cho

A hand craft class, a raffle drawing, and a free movie are scheduled. Please call the center at 0956-47-2323 for more information and sign-up. The event is free but the general admission bracelets are distributed.

Yamazumi Youth Center

Saturday, 28 July

1400

Yamazumi Youth Center close from the Sasebo Train Station

Balloons are distributed and a BINGO game is scheduled. Sounds fun. Please call the center at 0956-31-2557 for more information and sign-up. The event is free but the general admission tickets are distributed.

Inari Youth Center

Monday, 30 July

1330

Inari Youth Center in Inari-cho

A water melon braking game raffle, a long straw game (?), a free movie show are scheduled. Please call the center at 0956-34-1152 for more information and sign-up. The event is free but the general admission tickets are distributed

Kasuga Youth Center

Tuesday, 31 July

1330

Uchiwa (a round paper fan) making and other craft making classes are held. Some kids games are scheduled, too. Please call the center at 0956-25-3785 for more information and sign-up. The event is free but the general admission medallions are distributed.

Parent-Child Wood-craft Making Class

Eboshi Sports-no-sato (Sports Village) in Mt. Eboshi

The Eboshi Sports-no-sato (Sports Village) is hosting the bamboo / wooden craft making classes during the summer vacation. The classes sound very interesting and very reasonable. Please see below.

Bird Curving Class

Sunday, 29 July

1300

Fee: Y200

A pair of parent and a child carves a block of soft wood piece into a bird. To finish it, a pair will paint it. They can only take 12 pairs (an adult and a child in 3rd to 6th grade). Please call there now at 0956-24-6669 to sign up.

Bamboo Craft Class

Sunday, 5 August

1000-1600

Fee: Free

The local carpenters volunteer to help you and your children to make bamboo crafts for free. You don't have to sign up. Just show up. You are making a pair of bamboo stilts and bamboo water guns. Call the village at 0956-24-6669 for more information.

Unicycle Competition

Sunday, 9 September

0945

Sign-up cut out day: **Tuesday**, 31 July

Former Tono Elementary School Gym in Tono-cho

The Sasebo Municipal Social and Welfare Association will host the unicycle competition in September. They are looking for elementary school competitors. Yes, the contestants should be elementary school students. You are not sure if you are that good or not? Don't worry. Sign up now and practice until the event. It's in September. You have time to practice. Call Inari Youth Center now at 0956-34-1152 for sign-up and more information.

Italian Restaurant "Pinocchio" Beer Garden

Until Sunday, 2 September

Fee: Y1,500 (all-you-can-drink for 90 minutes)

I enjoyed the boat parade last Saturday and figured out the popular Italian Restaurant "Pinocchio" in the Pearl Sea Center started the beer garden on the wooden deck there. This is not to promote the beer drinking but for those who enjoy dining at the restaurant would like to know the information. The meals are not included to the fee. Please call the restaurant at 0956-28-4115 for more information.

Spot Lights on Events You Don't Want to Miss!

Nagasaki Minato (Port) Matsuri (Festival)

Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 July

Nagasaki Mizubenomori (Seaside) Koen (Park)

3,000 fireworks are displayed Saturday night and 5,000 fireworks are displayed Sunday night.

Arkas Sasebo Lobby Concert

Saturday, 28 July

1400

A local ocarina ensemble, piano, and vocal group will perform. The admission is free. Please call Arkas Sasebo at 0956-42-1111 for more information.

HTB International Firework Competition

Saturday, 28 July

Evening

Huis Ten Bosch Admission: Y3,000

The international firework competition starts this weekend. The first country to exhibit the fireworks is Belgium. It's still a preliminary competition. Yet, the HTB free zone isn't going to be free to enter on Saturday. Please be careful. Speaking of HTB,

Maboroshi-no (Hidden) Van Gogh Art Exhibition

Sunday, 29 July to Sunday, 26 October

Huis Ten Bosch Art Museum

Admission: Y3,000 (HTB) + Y1,500 (Museum)

The 35 paintings of Van Gogh that have never been brought to Japan are exhibited. And plus, 52 artworks possessed by the Van Gogh Art Museum in Holland are exhibited as well. Is Y4,500 too expensive to you to have this rare chance to see them? I believe the HTB membership holders have the discount benefits. Please call HTB at 0570-064-110 from your cell phone.

American Town Museum

Until Sunday, 12 August

Main site: Shimanose Park next to the Starbucks Café in Ginza

The union of the stores in Yonkacho (4 choes) arcade hosts a series of events throughout the year to introduce American Culture. Why American culture? I believe we have American neighbors in Sasebo. If the local people know your culture, they can have better understanding to their neighbors. The Sasebo Ginza turns into the American Town

Museum. I've got a little more detailed information this week. If you would like to know the information in details of each even, please call the union at 0956-24-4411. Shimanose Park next to Starbucks café

The Spiderman Air Toy, American Featured Food Stands

Until Sunday, 12 August

Japan-America Friendship Day Friday, 27 July TOMODACHI HUNTING 1400-1600

Challenge Day Saturday, 28 July

Gold Rush (Treasure Hunting), Vegas Card (Card Games?), and 3-on-3 Basket Ball

Tournament 1300-1730 Live Music Show 1800-1900

Salsa Night Saturday, 4 August

Sasebo Style America Intercontinental Ultra Quiz, Entertainment Shows, and Sasebo

Salsa de Ginza performance 1300-1900

Music Day Sunday, 5 August

Live Music & Entertainment Shows 1300-1900

American Marching Band Day
The US 7th Fleet Band Tuesday, 7 August

1800-1900

Music Day Saturday, 11 August

Acoustic Guitar Band Shows 1300-1900

Final Day Sunday, 12 August

Middle School & High School Brass Band Shows, Nagasaki University Cheerleading

Club performance, and more 13000-1600

Ending Parade 1600 Music Live Show, Sasebo Benchers 1730-1900

50 States and 1 District in US Information Panel

Until Sunday, 12 August

You can find the information of your home town. The panels are displayed during the festival.

Kukken Hiroba (I'm Coming Park) Café

Until Sunday, 12 August

You can view the introductory videos of US on TV in the café. Information of US is displayed. Military novelty goods are for sale.

AFN Radio Show is on Air for One Hour

Until Sunday, 12 August

One hour a day, AFN radio show is on air. Hope they listen to my show, too.

Summer Origami Class

Monday, **30 July** 1000-1100 Mondays, 6, 13 August 1000-1100

M/B Library

The tuition is free! We are making fish and turtles this time. Please sign up at the Main Base Library. Call Eriko at 252-3102 for more information. See you there!

Events

Saikai-no-Megumi (Bliss of Western Ocean) Market

Note: The market is closed on Mondays and Japanese holidays. It opens from 0800 to 1200 from Tuesday through Sunday.

Closed: Monday, 30 July, Mondays, 6, 13, 20, 27 August

Market closure for Obon: Tuesday, 14 to Thursday, 16 August

Note: The market is closed but the fish stores are open on Monday, 13 and

Tuesday, 14 August.

Visit the web site: http://www.sasebo-uoichiba.co.jp

Phone #: 0956-47-8970

A Big Raffle Drawing

Saturday, 28 July	0800
Saturday, 11 August	0800
Saturday, 25 August	0800

Every Y500 purchase of the goods at the market, you are granted a ticket to draw.

Mock Bidding Experience

Sunday, 29 July	1000
Sunday, 5 August	1000
Sunday, 12 August	1000
Sunday, 19 August	1000
Sunday, 26 August	1000

All-you-can-pack Sale

Saturday, 4 August	1000
Saturday, 18 August	1000

Parent-child How to Clean your Fish Class

Tuesday, 7 August	1000
Wednesday, 8 August	1000
Wednesday, 22 August	1000
Tuesday, 28 August	1000

They take 8 pairs of parent-child students per class. Please call Furukawa-san at 0956-47-8970 to sign up for the class. You don't have to brink your knife. They provide knives.

Obon Special Sale!

Sunday, 12 August 0800-1200

A Big Tuna Cleaning Demonstration and a Sale

Sunday, 12 August 0900 Saturday, 18 August 0900

Megumi Aji (Horse Mackerel) Free Tasting

Saturday, 25 August 0800-1200

Sasebo Yonkacho (4 choes) Tanabata Matsuri (Star Festival)

Until Monday, 30 July

Yonkacho Shopping Arcade (a.k.a. Ginza)

The bamboo trees in the shopping arcade look like out-of-season Christmas trees. The colorful paper ornaments are tagged to the bamboo branches. You see people write their wishes in the Tanzaku (thin slip of papers) and tag them to the bamboo. What's that? They are ornaments of the **Star Festival held on July 7**th. In China, the festival is like a **Chinese Valentine's Day.** Please watch "Karate Kid 2010" for your reference. According to the old Chinese folklore, the loving couple (stars of Altair and Vega) was separated on both sides of the Milky Way. Only once a year, the lovers can see on the river. The magpies fly to the Milky Way and make a bridge with their wings over it. If it rains on earth on the day, magpies are not coming. We wish a good weather and also wishes of our own. Traditionally, people collected dew from the bamboo leaves in the morning of the Star Festival and make an Indian ink using the dew and write wishes in the Tanzaku (thin slip of papers). If it's a good weather, you wish will be answered. Call the union at 0956-24-4411 for more information.

Summer Vacation In-your-wheelchair (Shoes) Experience

Until Thursday 26 July 1330 Wednesday, 1 to Friday, 3 August 1330

Barrier-free Life Office in Hanazono-cho (next to the Sasebo Citizen's Hall)

This is an opportunity for people to experience in the handicapped people's shoes, I mean, wheelchairs. It is free. They only can take 20 students each day. Please call the office at 0956-22-0993 for more information.

Parent and Child Learning How the Meat is Processed Tour

Wednesday, 1 August 1300

This program is designed for the elementary school students in 5th and 6th grade. One of their parents should be accompanied to their child. They take 10 pairs of parent-child teams. The attendees visit one of the slaughter houses and observe how the animals are cleaned and processed. Please fax your information (name, address, sex, grade, and phone number) to 0956-33-5846 or e-mail at syokun@city.sasebo.lg.jp your information.

<u>Sports Events & Local Beach Information</u> <u>Araiso Beach and Hanmoto Camp Site</u>

Until Sunday, 12 August

Fee: car parking (free), cold shower (Y100)

Furue-machi, Hirado Island

You can enjoy camping there, too. If you don't have a tent, there are bungalows that you can stay. A bungalow stay for a night for 5 people: Y4,200 and a bungalow stay for a night for 6 people: Y6,300. Please call the camp site at 0950-24-2842 for more information.

Senrigahama Beach

Until Sunday, 19 August

Kawachi-machi, Hirado Island

Fee: car parking (Y600), warm shower (Y100)

It's not only sea bathing that you can enjoy. You can also enjoy horse back riding and sea kayaking.

Shirahama Beach

Until Monday, 20 August

0900-1700

Tawaragaura-cho, Sasebo

Note: Saturdays, Sundays, and Japanese holidays 0900-1900

Admission: Y400 (middle school student and over), Y250 (3 years old to elementary

school student), hay beach mat (Y500)

Please call the beach office at 0956-28-5771 for more information.

Beaches in Uku Island

It takes for about two hours and a half to Uku Island by ferry boat. It takes for one hour and a half by an express boat.

Ohama Beach (Uku Island)

Until Monday, 20 August

0900-1700

Uku-cho, Uku Island

Fee: Free, Y100 (coin shower)

You can camp out there, too. You can rent a big tent (5 people) for Y1,500 and a small tent (3 people) for Y1,000. Please call the Uku Administrative Office at 0959-57-3113 for more information.

Suge Beach

Until Monday, 20 August

Uku-cho, Uku Island

Fee: Free (sea-bathing and car parking)

Please call the beach office at 0959-57-3113 for more information.

Hitotsuku Beach in Hirado

Until Saturday, 25 August

Oishifunamachi, Hirado

Fee: parking fee (Y500), hay beach mat (Y1,000, 2 sheets), cold shower (Y100), warm

shower (Y200)

It's been open already.

Shikamachi Kaiyo Sports Base

Until Friday, 31 August 0900-1700

Shikamachi-cho, Sasebo

Fee: Free

Please call the facility at 0956-73-2050 for more information.

Neshiko Beach

Until Friday, 31 August

Neshiko-cho, Hirado Island

Fee: parking fee (Y500), hay beach mat (Y300), cold shower (Y100), warm shower (Y200 adult, Y150 child)

Neshiko beach was chosen one of the 100 beautiful beaches in Japan. White sand and clear water welcome you!

Note

I just figured out that **Kashimae Beach is not open for sea-bathing this year.** It's said that the authority didn't pass Kashimae Beach for sea-bathing. The rocky shore next to the beach was decided not suitable for swimmers. If you have any questions, please call the committee at the Sasebo city hall at 0956-24-1111.

Ainoura Sogo (Consolidated) Sports Ground Outdoor Swimming Pool

Until Sunday, 2 September

Admission: Y400 (high school student and older), Y160 (elementary and middle school student), Y100 (4 to 6 years old)

To commemorate the open season, the admission is free for children (middle school student and under). Please call the swimming pool at 0956-47-3125 for more information.

Nagasaki Sechibaru Road Race

Sunday, 2 September 0800

Sechibaru Area Life-long Education Center

Categories: 10 km (adult and high school student), 3 km (middle school student), 1.5 km (elementary school student in 5th and 6th grade)

Fee: Y3,000 (adult), Y1,500 (middle and high school student), Y1,000 (elementary school student in 5th and 6th grade)

Please contact the race committee at 0956-76-2516 for more information.

Flea Markets

Aeon Daito Shopping Center Flea Market

 Wednesday, 25 July
 1000-1500

 Wednesday, 8 August
 1000-1500

 Wednesday, 22 August
 1000-1500

AEON Daito Shopping Center parking Lot

This bi-monthly flea market event is held on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Wednesday every month. You can reserve your stall for several hundred yen. Please contact Mr. Yasunaga at 090-4572-1899 for more information. It will be held rain or shine.

Arita Porcelain Park Flea Market

Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 5 August

0900-1600

Arita Porcelain Park on Route 35

This monthly flea market is held on the 1st Saturday and Sunday every month. Please contact Mr. Yasunaga at 090-4572-1899 for more information. It will be held rain or shine.

Festivals

Isahaya Mantoro (10,000 Lanterns) Kawa Matsuri (River Festival)

Wednesday, 25 July

2000-2100

The festival is held as a memorial service for the victims when the serious flood attacked Isahaya city in 1957. About 23,000 paper lanterns are lit on the river banks and 2,000 fireworks are displayed. Please call Isahaya city hall at 0957-22-1500 for more information.

Omura Nagoshi (Passing Summer) Hanabi Taikai (Firework Display)

Thursday, 2 and Friday, 3 August

JR Omura Train Station Park

Please call the festival committee at 0957-52-2580 for more information.

Hirado Minato (Port) Natsu-matsuri (Summer Festival)

Saturday, 4 August

Hirado Port, Hirado Island

Call Hirado city Tourism Office at 0950-22-4111 for more information.

Happy 110th Birthday, Sasebo city

The 8th Sasebo Seaside Festival 2012

Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 5 August

A lot of fireworks will be displayed on Saturday, 4 August at 2030. Please call the festival committee at 0956-46-6855 for more information.

Yoshii-cho Natsu Matsuri (Summer Festival)

Sunday, 5 August

Call the festival committee at 0956-64-2139 for more information.

Fukuishi Kan-non (Deity of Marcy) 46,000 Day Festival

Wednesday, 8 to Friday, 10 August

Fukuishi Kan-non Seiganji Temple on Route 35

It's said that visiting the temple between August 8 and August 10 is worth visiting there 46,000 days. 46,000 days are more than 126 years. It's longer than one's longevity. I believe you visit there only once a lifetime. I have visited there more than several times. So am I blessed? Call the temple at 0956-56-8878 to get the answer.

Kid's Haiku Poem Competition

Wednesday, 8 through 10 August

Monk's Preach and Prayer

Wednesday, 8 through 10 August

1940

Stage Events

Wednesday, 8 August

1830-2100

Dance Show, Snow Corn Fast Eating Contest, Tai-Chi Demonstration, and Gaggling performance are scheduled.

Thursday, 9 August

1830-2100

Dance Show, Karaoke Contest, and Song Show are scheduled.

Friday, 10 August

1830-2100

Yosakoi Dance, Iron Man Contest, Brass Band Concert, and Children's Yukata (Cotton Kimono) Beauty Contest are scheduled.

Sechibaru Kogen (Highland) Natsumatsuri (Summer Festival)

Sunday, 12 August

Sechibaru-cho on Route 204

Call the festival committee at 0956-76-2130 for more information.

Shikamachi Kanko (Sightseeing) Natsumatsuri (Summer Festival)

Monday, 13 August

Shikamachi-cho, Sasebo

Call the festival committee at 0956-77-4111 for more information.

Kosaza Natsumatsuri (Summer Festival)

Tuesday, 14 August

Kosaza-cho, Sasebo

Call the festival committee at 0956-69-2562 for more information.

<u>Uku Noryo (Evening) Hanabi Taikai (Firework Display)</u>

Uku-machi, Uku Island

Tuesday, 14 August

Call the festival committee at 0959-57-3935 for more information.

Tachiura Hanabi Taikai (Firework Display)

Wednesday, 15 August

Ikitsuki-cho, Ikitsuki Island

Call the festival committee at 0950-53-1515 for more information.

The 62nd Shisa Noryo (Evening) Hanabi Taikai (Firework Display)

Wednesday, 15 August

Shisa-cho, Matsuura city

Call the Matsuura Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 0956-72-2151 for more information.

The 33rd Saikai-cho Natsumatsuri (Summer Festival)

Thursday, 16 August

Call the festival committee at 0959-27-0180 for more information.

The 43rd Higashisonogi Noryo (Evening) Hanabi Taikai (Firework Display)

Thursday, 16 August

Call the Higashisonogi Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 0957-46-1700 for more information.

Tabira Natsumatsuri (Summer Festival)

Friday, 17 August

Tabira-cho, Hirado city

Call the Tabira Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 0950-57-0223 for more information.

Emukae Sentoro (One thousand lanterns) Natsumatsuri (Summer Festival)

Thursday, 23 and Friday, 24 August

Call the festival committee at 080-3341-1865.

Nomozaki Ise-ebi (Japanese Lobster) Festival

Sunday, 26 August to Sunday, 30 September

Waki-misaki Kitaminato Umetatechi in Nagasaki city

The opening event is held on Sunday, 26 August. Interesting games such as "Lobster Hand Catching Contest," "Games over Lobsters," and some stage events are scheduled. Please contact the festival committee at 095-893-1111 for more information. Please visit the website: http://www1.city.nagasaki.nagasaki.nagasaki.jp/

Okawachiyama Furin (Wind Bells) Festival

Until Friday, 31 August

Okawachiyama in Imari city

Please call the festival committee at 0955-23-7293 for more information.

Nagasaki Kyoryuchi (Foreign Settlement) Festival

Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 September

Higashiyamate, Minamiyamate, and Oura district in Nagasaki city

I think you have heard the name of the garden "Glover Garden" in Nagasaki. That area used to be the foreign businessmen's settlements. The Kirin Beer was born in Nagasaki there. The unique events are held such as ethnic food and goods bazaar, ethnic costume fitting and more. Please call the festival committee at 095-822-8888 for more information.

Oniki Tanada (Terraced Rice Paddies) Festival

Sunday, 23 September

Oniki Tanada in Hasami-cho

The unique scarecrow contest is very popular. Call the Hasami-cho Tourism Association at 0956-85-2290 for more information.

99 Island Events

Saikai Pearl Sea Resort (a.k.a. Kashimae Pier) Aquarium

Admission: Y1,400 (10th grader and above), Y700 (4 years old to 9th grader)

Please call the office at 0956-28-4187 for more information.

Special Discount for Sasebonians (Sasebo habitants): Y990 (high school student and older), Y500 (4 years old to middle school student) Please show your Military ID card

Three dolphins will greet you at the new tank. There is a Jellyfish tank too. Parking over one hour is Y100 for every two hours. Please visit the website: http://www.parlsea.jp/

Dolphin Show

Everyday 1020-1040, 1320-1340, 1520-1540

Early Bird Takes Care of the Dolphins Experience

Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 July	0750-1000
Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 5 August	0750-1000
Saturday, 11 and Sunday, 12 August	0750-1000
Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19 August	0750-1000
Saturday, 25 and Sunday, 26 August	0750-1000

Fee: YY3,600 (adult), Y3,000 (middle school student), Y2,200 (elementary school student), Y1,400 (4-6 years old), Y100 (3 years old and under)

Petting Fish Festival

Saturday, 11 to Wednesday, 15 August 1000-1200

You can touch sea creatures that you do not have a chance to touch such as octopi, squid, sharks, and horseshoe crabs.

How to Take Photos Class for Girls

Saturday, 25 August 1000, 1500 Sunday, 26 August 1000, 1400

Tuition: Y2,000 (general), Y800 (99 Island member)

Please call to sign up by e-mail: event@pearlsea.jp NLT Monday, 6 August.

Sightseeing Boats

Kaio (Ocean King) Adventure Cruise

Until Friday, 10 August	1030, 1130, 1330, 1430
Saturday, 11 to Wednesday, 15 August	1030, 1130, 1330, 1430, 1530
Thursday, 16 August to Sunday, 2 September	1030, 1130, 1330, 1430
Fare: Y1,200 (middle school student and older),	Y600 (elementary school student)

Pearl Queen Cruise

Everyday 1000, 1100, 1300, 1400, 1500

Duration of the tour: 50 minutes

Fare: Y1,200 (middle school student and older), Y600 (elementary school student)

Pearl Queen Sunset Cruise

Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 July

Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 5 August

Saturday, 11 and Sunday, 12 August

Monday, 13 through Wednesday, 15 August

Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19 August

Saturday, 25 and Sunday, 26 August

Saturday, 1 and Sunday, 2 September

Time differs. Call the center.

Pearl Queen Moon Viewing Cruise

Sunday, 30 September 1745-1900

Fee: Y4,000

The cruise includes a box dinner and all-you-can-drink service. Please enjoy your favorite drink over listening beautiful Koto (Japanese Harp) tunes.

"99 Islands are Treasure Islands" Campaign

Happy Birthday Kaio (30 years old) and Pearl Queen (10 years old)!!!

Until Sunday, 2 September

I attended the Kaio (pirate boat) Summer Festival last weekend. I won a little prize at the BINGO game. I had never won anything. I liked it. I introduce a few events here. But there are more. Please look at the 99 Island article down in the list.

Happy Birthday Together

Until Sunday, 2 September

If you are born between on July 21st and September 2nd, you are granted the special discount on admission to the aquarium, boat ride and shopping at stores. Please bring your ID card to identify your birthday.

Treasure Hunting in Pearl Sea Center

Until Sunday, 2 September

Please get a clue map and answer the questions. Turn in your answer sheet to the box. There are 208 treasures (prizes). You have a big chance to win one of them. Please find a Japanese friend to go with you. The clue map is all written in Japanese.

Special Discount on "Visit an Uninhabited Island Tour"

Until Sunday, 2 September

1030, 1145, 1300, 1415, 1530

Fee: Y1,000 (adult), Y500 (elementary school student and under)

It costs Y2,000 for adult and Y1,000 for child normally. It's 50% off. Please take this chance.

Special Discount on "Sea Kayaking Experience"

Until Sunday, 2 September 1100-1530

Fe: Y250 (single), Y500 (tandem)

It's 50% off! Take this chance!

Manga (Japanese Comic Book) "Kids on the Slope" Art Exhibition

Until Sunday, 2 September

The manga arts are exhibited at the Pearl Queen and the aquarium. The manga is featured a love story in 1960's in Sasebo. You can see the landscapes of good old days of Sasebo city.

<u>Living Fossil Sea Creatures Exhibition</u>

Until Sunday, 23 September 2nd floor of the aquarium

99 Island Fiesta

Sunday, 23 September

1000-1600

Class

Amamoba (Shallows) Playroom in Umikirarra (Shining Ocean) Aquarium

If not mentioned, the tuition is free. The admission to the aquarium is still required, though.

Story Telling

Saturday, 28 July

1130-1200, 1430-1500

Summer Vacation Craft Class

Fee: Y500

Until Sunday, 2 September

1000-1700

99 Island Visitor Center Programs

Programs held at the 99 Island Visitor Center require small amount of fee. Contact the center at 0956-28-7919 or visit website: http://www.kujukushima-visitorcenter.jp/
Please e-mail the visitor center your information (address, name, phone number and the event you want to participate in.

Saikai National Park Kujukushima Zoological and Botanical Garden Events

The admission is Y400 (adult) and Y100 (child). The phone number there is 0956-28-0011. Tuition for the following classes is free unless it is specifically noted. You only pay the zoo admission fee.

The whole zoo becomes non-smoking area. Please be careful.

Summer School at Zoo

Wednesday, 8 and Thursday, 9 August

Fee: Y2.000

This program is for elementary school students in 5^{th} and 6^{th} grade. The students will learn the ecologies of zoo animals. The max number of students is 20. I'm afraid the cut out day was June 30^{th} . But you can still check any cancellations at 0956-28-0011.

2012 Mori Kirara (Sparkling Forest) Sketch Competition

Until Friday, 31 August

This sketch competition is for youth (day care, kindergarten, elementary and middle school students). No entry fees. Please turn in your artwork by August 31st. The award ceremony is held sometime in October.

2012 Mori Kirara (Sparkling Forest) Photo Contest

Until Friday, 31 August

You don't have to be young to attend the photo contest. Please turn in the best shot of your photos to the office by August 31st. No entry fees. There are two categories, "General" and "Smile." What's the "Smile" category? I believe "Smile" photos should be animals and people who are smiling. I don't think animals can manage to smile toke human beings.

Amphibian Exhibition

Until Sunday, 2 September

99 Island Zoological and Botanical Garden

Admission: Y400 (adult), Y100 (child)

There are 20 different kinds, 50 amphibians (lizards and turtles) are displayed. Please call the zoo at 0956-28-0011 for more information.

Renewal Open "Petting Zoo"

It's open!

You can pet bunnies and guinea pigs, feed goats and sheep, and ride on ponies.

Flowers and Plants Information Center

Fridays to Mondays and Japanese holidays 1030-1500 The SAZANBOSU volunteers answer your questions for free.

Zoo Annual Pass

Ishidake Zoo is issuing their annual passes, "Zoo to Pasupo." The annual pass for adults costs Y1,000 and for elementary and middle school student it costs Y250. Please bring a photo (2cm X2.5cm) for your annual pass.

Zoo Volunteer "SaZanBoSu" Wanted

What is "SaZanBoSu?" It's <u>Sasebo Zoological and Botanical Garden Supporters</u> (Volunteers). They are instructors from the zoological and botanical classes and guides of special exhibitions. They are also musicians who play music for zoo visitors and train visitors to play music at the zoo. You don't have to have special knowledge or a degree to do that. You'll be trained by the zoo staff.

Sazanbosu Activities!

The tent next to the zoo entrance, every Sunday

Herb Tea Tasting and Sale A variety of herb teas are lined up!

Zoo Animal Quiz RallyCosts Y100 but you can win zoo animal post cards! **Original Cookies for Sale**Home made vanilla, almond, marble, raisin, and

sesame cookies are for sale in reasonable price. The cap costs Y1,000 but worth more than that.

Zoo Animal Caps for Sale

The Original Post Cards are for Sale

Now the Ishidake Zoological and Botanical Garden Post Cards have amazing photos of zoo animals and plants for sale. A set of 6 post cards costs Y500.

Note: The nursing room is available in the zoo. The facility is for parents with babies. The facility has a nursing room to change diapers and feed babies. Please refrain from bringing your pets to the zoo.

Mt. Eboshi Sports Village Information

"Dog Run" Park has been Completed!

It' opens now at Mt. Eboshi Sports Village

Wednesdays, Saturdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Japanese Holidays.

Admission: Y300 per dog, Annual membership: Y3,000 per dog

Do you know what we mean when we say "Dog Run"? Now, I know it's been very difficult for you to find parks to walk or run your pet dogs freely in Sasebo. This facility is only for dogs but they must be pre-registered at the park office. The registration fee is Y500. The owner of dogs should be at least 18 years. Your dog's shot records and owner's ID card is required when you register your dog(s). Please call Sasebo City Hall Park Maintenance Office at 0956-24-1111 for more information.

Youth Science Museum

Wednesday to Sunday and Monday

0900-1700

Closed on Tuesday and Japanese holidays. Phone number: 0956-23-1517

Sasebo Planetarium was closed and newly the Youth Science Museum opened in Hotatecho. Visit there once. It's a new facility with decent and free parking lot.

Closed on Tuesdays, 8, 15, 22, and 29 May.

Planetarium

Max number of attendees is 68. The duration of the show is 45 minutes.

Admission: Y300 (adult), Y150 (middle school student and under)

They are going to change the programs. This is the last month you enjoy watching The Night of Galaxy Train and Pocket Monster. Don't miss it. The schedule of the planetarium will be announced when I get it.

Star Observation Meet

Saturday, 28 July

1900-2100

The max number of attendees is 50

The middle school students and under are required to be accompanied by a parent or an adult. In case of cloudy or rain, the meet is postponed to the following Sunday.

Sasebo Local Library Events

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 1000-1800

Thursday and Friday

1000-2000

Closed on Mondays and Japanese holidays. Contact the library at 0956-22-5618 for more information.

The local library opens until 2000 on Thursdays and Fridays until December. I like it.

The History of Sasebo Data Base Exhibition

Whenever the library is open

1000-1755

Please come to the local history section on the 2nd floor. You can observe the historical information.

CD Check Outs

Commencing February this year, you can borrow 6 CDs instead of 3 CDs.

Huis Ten Bosch Events

I try my best to get correct and current information of the theme park but flyers I get occasionally from Huis Ten Bosch confuse me. I think I'm very patient to get the information of events usually. I called the information center but I'm afraid the staff works there do not answer my questions promptly. I have to say the following information is the one **to my best knowledge**. They can be reached at 0570-064-110. However, you can't dial the number from the base phones. I used my cell phone to call and only the recording guidance in Japanese answered. I had an impression that they don't want to be reached. It seems you pay how much ever you are told at the gate of Huis Ten Bosch and enjoy whatever available on that day. The following number in Fukuoka is better to get hold of them: 092-411-0800. Or visit their web site: www.huistenbosch.co.jp

Despite their unfriendly attitude, Huis Ten Bosch is well-known all through Japan and pays taxes to Sasebo city. They hire local people, too. Let's support the theme park.

Below is the admission chart and fee for the New Huis Ten Bosch. You can bring your pet with you. Of course it's not free. You pay Y500 per pet.

Regular Ticket

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Period	Adult	7 th – 12 th grade	4 years old –
			6 th grade
Monday – Friday	Y2,500	Y1,800	Y800
Regular Season			
Saturday, Sunday	Y3,000	Y2,000	Y1,000
Japanese Holiday			
Busy season			

Moonlight Ticket

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Period	Adult	7 th – 12 th grade	4 years old – 6 th grade
Monday - Friday Regular season	Y2,000	Y1,300	Y500

Saturday, Sunday	Y2,500	Y1,800	Y800
Japanese Holiday			
Busy season			

White Ferris Wheel Opens!

Huis Ten Bosch

Ticket to ride: Y700 + admission to Huis Ten Bosch is required (Y3,000)

700,000 lights lit up Huis Ten Bosch last year. This year, there are 820,000 lights! New **"White Ferris Wheel"** is now in service. The tickets are Y700 for 11-minute ride. 1% of ticket sales go to the charity fund for the Northern Japan Earthquakes and Tsunami Victims. Please see Huis Ten Bosch information section. There are a lot of events scheduled. Call Huis Ten Bosch at 0570-064-110 for more information.

"The Kingdom of Water and Adventure"

Until Sunday, 2 September

Huis Ten Bosch

Admission: Y3,000 (adult)

The summer events will start this weekend. Call HTB at 0570-064-110 using your cell phone. You can't dial the number from any Base Phones.

The Japan First English-speaking Hotel Open

Watermark Hotel Nagasaki, Huis Ten Bosch

The manager is Australian. All the clerks speak in English. This is very new in Japan. You would like to stay in this hotel? Please contact the hotel at 0956-27-0785 to make a reservation.

English Square Renewal Open

English Square

Japanese people who would like to learn conversational English visit this English Square. If you would like to involve this project, please contact the office at 0956-27-0785.

Huis Ten Bosch English Square

Tomodachi Factory in Free Zone, Huis Ten Bosch

The following programs are held and taught **in English**. For more information on the following events, please contact Tomodachi Factory office at 0956-27-0785 or visit the web site: englishsquare.jp

Thriller Fantasy Museum Illumination Show

Everyday

1930, 2000, 2030, 2100, 2130

The show of lights and music lasts for 11 minutes. It's held every 30 minutes after dark.

Huis Ten Bosch Wander Vehicle "Duck Tour"

Everyday, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600

Fee: Y2,500 (adult), Y1,800 (4 to elementary school student), Y500 (3 years old and under)

Have you seen the amphibious bus at the Huis Ten Bosch yet? When I saw it, it was crossing the street. Yes, it looks like a boat but yet can drive on the road! The bus drives on the road for 25 minutes and ducks in the water for 20 minutes. You don't have to sign up, come to the Huis Ten Bosch Entrance 15 minutes prior to the tour that you wish to take. I'm thinking to take my brother and his family to ride on this bus. Please call HTB Tourism Office at 0956-27-0290 for more information.

Open Season "Sea Ten Bosch" Fishing Pond

It's open until it's noticed.

If you want to feel scared in Japanese style, please visit Obake-yashiki (Haunted House). Nihon no Kaidan Yashiki (Japanese Haunted House)

Admission: Y300

Thriller Fantasy Museum

It's an on-going business and it stays what it is until noticed. Good.

5D Miracle Tour

5D doesn't mean 5 dimensional. 5D stands for Dramatic, Dream, Delightful, Different and to Discover. Whatever. That's Japanese English and you are not expected to understand. The screens are all over and you feel like you are floating in the air. The duration of the show is only 8 minutes. They only take 32 Max people for a tour. Fee is Y500 (4 years old and over). If you have a membership of Huis Ten Bosch, the fee is Y400. The location of the show is in the district of Thriller Fantasy Museum, where you find the Japanese Haunted House.

Special Events

Events featuring one of the popular animated films in Japan, "One Peace" are held at Huis Ten Bosch.

The Memory of the "Going Merry" Quiz Digest Rally

Fee: Y500

There are 6 stations you have to clear (getting points). In completion, you can get a little moment as a keepsake.

Let's ride on the "Going Merry"

Fee: Y500

Riding on the mini size "Going Merry" pirate boat makes you feel like you are in the "One Piece" world.

Take a Picture of the Thousand Sunny with You

Fee: Picture pin (Y600), Picture in the paper frame (Y500)

They take your photo when you are in the boat and make a picture pin or picture in the paper frame. Please tell them which you would like to have.

Shabondi House (Restaurant) Opens!

The "One Piece" featured goods that you can only get at Huis Ten Bosch and dishes featured "One Piece" that you can only eat at Huis Ten Bosch are served.

The Thousand Sunny Cruise

Write your message to Ruffy and his crew in the flag.

Tickets: Y1,000 (adult, non-member), Y800 (adult, HTB member), Y600 (4 to elementary school student), Y500 (child, HTB member)

HTB Activity Center Craft Classes

For more information about the following classes, please contact HTB activity center at 0956-27-0131.

Music Box Making Class

On going 1030-1730 (Please check in by 1630)

Fee: Y1,365

Wax Perfume Making Class

On going 1030-1730 (Please check in by 1630)

HTB Activity Center

Fee: Y1,200

Magic Show

On going

Pub "Moon Shower"

Admission: Y1,500 (including a drink and snacks)

Other Events

Sea Ten Bosch, Fishing at Huis Ten Bosch

Fee: Y300 per hour (special campaign fee only until the end of August), Y500 per hour

The fee includes a rental fishing rod and bait.

Fish you caught: Y600 (black snapper)

Zipangu Detective Club (Treasure Hunting)

"Zipangu" was the name that Italian explorer, Marco Polo gave Japan in 1270's. He didn't visit Japan but he heard about Japan as the golden islands. He introduced Japan as "Zipangu" in his journal. It's said this "Zipangu" turned into Japan later.

You are going to read the mysterious map in Japanese and find the treasure somewhere in Huis Ten Bosch. Sure it's difficult.

- Basic Course (Y200)
- Beginner's Course (Y300)
- Intermediate Course (Y500)
- Advanced Course (Y500)
- Super Advanced Course (Y1,000)

Adventure Park

A little birdie told me that the **Adventure Park** is open at the Huis Ten Bosch. The park opened March 3rd. There are two facilities in the park; "Tenku-no-shiro (Castle in the Sky)" and "Shooting Star (Zip-line)."

"Shooting Star (Zip-line)" consists of a pulley suspended on a cable mounted on an incline. It is designed to enable a user propelled by holding on or attaching to the freely moving pulley. One at the park goes over the channel and it is 300 meters (1000 feet) long.

<u>"Tenku-no-shiro (Castle in the Sky)"</u> is a big jungle gym that reminds you a boot camp. The highest point of the jungle gym is 9 meters from the ground (30 feet high).

Are you interested in it? All right, let me talk about the fees. Of course, they are not free. If you have a membership of Huis Ten Bosch, you can get the discount. If you purchase a Huis Ten Bosch ticket, you can also get discount to the Adventure Center. Please see below.

Admission

Kind of Ticket	Combo ticket	Shooting Star	Castle in the Sky
General admission	Y2,800	Y1,500	Y1,500
HTB membership	Y800	Y500	Y500
Holder			
HTB ticket holder	Y1,800	Y1,000	Y1,000

In addition to it, there is a "Adventure Park + BBQ Combo" ticket for Y2,300. If you have a HTB membership, you can get it for Y2,000.

Please call Camp Ten Bosch Administrative Office at 0956-27-0284 for detailed information. If you do not speak Japanese, please ask any Japanese friends to help you. Why don't you go there with them? That should be fun!

Note: The entrance to the Adventure Center is different from Huis Ten Bosch. If you see the sign of WINS on the way to Hario Village, that's where you are turning to the park. There should be more sighs to let you know where the entrance is.

Classes

ESL and Japanese Phrase Class

English as a Second Language Tuesday, **31 July** 1000-1100

Tuesdays, 7, 14, 21, 28 August 1000-1100

Tuition: Free

Japanese Phrase Class

Community & Education Center Classroom "B"

Tuition: Free

Lesson 5 "How to count" in Japanese

Lesson 6 "Colors" in Japanese

Lesson 7 "Food" in Japanese

Lesson 8 "Directions" in Japanese

Tuesday, 31 July 1130-1230

Tuesday, 7 August 1130-1230

Tuesday, 14 August 1130-1230

Tuesday, 21 August 1130-1230

Lesson 9 "When and what time" in Japanese Tuesday, 28 August 1130-1230

Lesson 10 "How to use local transportation" in Japanese

Tuesday, 4 September 1130-1230

Lesson 11 "I don't feel well" in Japanese

Tuesday, 11 September 1130-1230

Tuesday, 12 September 1130-1230

Lesson 12 "Special occasions" in Japanese Tuesday, 18 September 1130-1230

<u>Katakana Class</u> Tuesday, 25 September 1130-1230

No need to sign up. You don't have to complete the course. Please stop by and learn Japanese phrases. A new series of 12-lesson Japanese Phrase Class starts on Tuesday, 3 July.

Japanese-style Archery Class

Saturday, 28 July

Saturdays, 4, 11, 18, 25 August

Tuition: Y2,000

Rental equipment: Y100 (each time)

If you would like to learn Japanese-style archery, this is your chance. The students should be older than 11 years old and older. Call the archery gym across from the Budokan, martial arts gym at 0956-23-7417 for more information.

Summer Vacation Parent and Child Craft Class

Thursday, 2 August (1) 1300-1500 (2) 1600-1800 (3) 1900-2100

AEON Daito Shopping Center 2nd floor

Fee: Y2,800 (adult), Y1,200 (child)

They are making a hat-shaped gift box. Please call the wrapping school "Pop-Wrap" at 0956-80-1867 to sign up NLT Thursday, 26 July.

Art Exhibition

Shimanose Art Center

Hours: 1000-1800, the art center is closed on Tuesdays. Phone number is 0956-22-7213. Should you have any questions to the following events, please call the center.

The 29th Nagasaki Prefecture Inter-high school Sketching Contest

Thursday, 26 to Friday, 27 July 1000-1800 **Saturday, 28 July** 1000-1330

Free space (1st floor) to 4th floor

Shimanose Art Center Summer Workshop "Aquarium Visits the Art Center"

Sunday, 29 July 1000-1800

Free space (1st floor) to Traverse

Shimanose Art Center Summer Workshop "Still Life Paintings of Ocean"

Sunday, 29 July 1000-1800

2nd floor

Concert

Jazz Café "Easel" Concert
Unless it's mentioned, the admission is free. For more information, please contact the café at 090-8220-0363.

Nakamura Daiki Quartet

Saturday, 4 August 2000

Eto Yoshito Trio

Tuesday, 7 August 1930

Y3,000